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## CLAIMS

- 1. A radio communication apparatus comprising:
  a plurality of antennas each of which transmits a
  plurality of transmission data items different from each
  other;
- a switch that performs a switching operation for sequentially switching the transmission data items to be transmitted from each antenna; and
- a converter that converts frequencies of the 10 plurality of transmission data items to respective frequencies different from each other, thereby performing frequency conversion.
  - 2. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
- a storage section that stores a predetermined switching pattern, wherein said switch performs the switching operation according to the switching pattern.
- 3. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said storage section stores the switching pattern for performing the switching operation between antennas having low correlation with each other.
  - 4. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
- a counter that counts a predetermined time repeatedly, wherein said switch performs the switching operation at

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predetermined time intervals counted by said counter.

- 5. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said counter counts a predetermined time such that a switching pattern repeating period is equal to a time interleaving length.
- 6. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch performs the switching operation on the plurality of transmission data items subjected to the frequency conversion in said converter.
- 7. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said switch performs the switching operation on the plurality of transmission data items to be subjected to the frequency conversion in said converter.
- 15 8. The radio communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said converter has a plurality of synthesizers for each antenna, and switches a conversion frequency of a synthesizer while another synthesizer is performing the frequency conversion on transmission data.
  - 9. A communication terminal apparatus mounted with a radio communication apparatus, said radio communication apparatus comprising:
- a plurality of antennas each of which transmits a plurality of transmission data items different from each other;

a switch that performs a switching operation for

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sequentially switching the transmission data items to be transmitted from each antenna; and

a converter that converts frequencies of the plurality of transmission data items to respective frequencies different from each other, thereby performing frequency conversion.

- 10. A base station apparatus mounted with a radio communication apparatus, said radio communication apparatus comprising:
- a plurality of antennas each of which transmits a plurality of transmission data items different from each other;

a switch that performs a switching operation for sequentially switching the transmission data items to be transmitted from each antenna; and

a converter that converts frequencies of the plurality of transmission data items to respective frequencies different from each other, thereby performing frequency conversion.

11. An antenna control method, comprising:

converting frequencies of a plurality of transmission data items different from each other to respective frequencies different from each other, thereby performing frequency conversion; and

assigning the plurality of transmission data items subjected to the frequency conversion sequentially to each of a plurality of antennas to transmit.

12. An antenna control method, comprising:

assigning a plurality of transmission data items different from each other sequentially to each of a plurality of antennas,

frequencies of 5 converting the plurality transmission data items assigned to respective different \\\from frequencies each other, thereby performing frequency conversion; and

transmitting the plurality of transmission data 10 items subjected to the frequency conversion from respectively assigned antenna.

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